



August 8, 2018

Chuck Grassley
Senator
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Chuck Grassley –

We wanted to once again acknowledge and thank you for your role in securing such critical and long-sought federal funding for permanent flood control. We cannot understate the importance this funding plays in our project's success, and our gratitude for your role in bringing these federal dollars to Iowa.

Given the importance of this critical project, it is with grave concern that we ask for your immediate assistance regarding the risk of Cedar Rapids not receiving the full \$117 million.

Our office has recently received verbal details from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the \$117.48 million federal award. These initial reports indicate that the \$117 million is a gross amount. The amount committed to Cedar Rapids is only 65% - or \$76 million. The remaining 35% balance (\$41 million) is to be a low interest loan to be paid back over 30 years.

Obviously, this represents a lower funding award than was previously announced, and we are awaiting a written agreement from the USACE regarding the cash flow and final funding agreement.

We believe this funding award to be emergency recovery dollars, and ask for your support in advocating for the full amount possible. As you can appreciate given the critical nature of this project, we are seeking the assurance of every funding source available to us, and ask for your strong support in securing the full \$117 million as announced on July 5, 2018.

As you know, Cedar Rapids is still facing a funding gap of approximately \$342 million, which will fall on the shoulders of our residents and businesses. Receiving the full \$117 million is inherent and critical to this project's completion and success in protecting Cedar Rapids from another devastating disaster.

Securing permanent flood protection remains one of the highest priorities of our city leaders and elected officials. Your work has been so important to our project's success. Please help us continue to fight for federal dollars and advocate for every dollar available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Hart".

Brad G. Hart
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Pomeranz".

Jeffrey A. Pomeranz
City Manager

CC: Cedar Rapids City Council